

Dear Sir Phila Nov 9 1838

I beg your Excellency will be pleased to allow me that I may repeat to call to your consideration the circumstances how I came to this country & that I was engaged by the American Consul Mr. Appleton at Legation in behalf of the Government as an agent to the U.S. Mint. It was regularly established in the Mint by the Honorable Joseph Clay Member of Congress & cashier of the Farmers & Merchants' Bank of this place. I am now in the United States thirty one years I have had been employed in various periods by Government which was about seven years altogether, so that it looks thirty four years of the best time of my life if Government does not pay my claims or remunerate me for the loss of my time. In the mean time dear Sir I ask the favor of you to cause through your influence by some means that I might get some money sent as my present circumstances are much improved on by the cabinet or yourself through your own Excellency's own authority arrange for

the above demands I shall be equally satisfied
so that I can have provision for my slave.
I comfort in my declining days.

As the same time allows me to mention
that there are some things which I intended I
thought that I was the cause of, I feel it my
duty to mention that also to you so no case
is not treated with neglect they will have to
suffer equally with myself. They are young &
unprovided for so I hope that your humanity
will dictate your Excellency to interest you
self in my behalf & theirs also.

You may be certain that I would not make
any demand if justice would not require me
to do so. I hope that this letter will cause
the relief of my great anxiety in relation of
the above circumstances.

I enclose a copy of a certificate from an
old acquaintance of mine.

I have the Honor to be
 2. His Excellency } Very Respectfully
 Martin Van Buren }
 President of } Your Obedt Servant
 The United States } Moritz Thurst